



Council Highlights

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ADDING TO THE “SNOW WARRIOR” ARSENAL: It is never too early for Columbus to start preparing for the City’s response to winter storms. On tonight’s agenda, City Council will consider legislation to improve Columbus’ ability to clear our roads of snow and ice. Public Service Committee Chair [Maryellen O’Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1113-2007 to appropriate \$1,010,552 for the purchase of eight new dump trucks and four new plows. Utilities Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1003-2007, which will appropriate \$395,413 to retrofit trucks currently used by the City with blades and spreaders. This innovative and cost-saving option being put forth by Mayor Michael B. Coleman will increase the number of “Snow Warriors” on patrol during the winter. **Councilmember Ginther will be joined by other Columbus leaders as he inspects trucks and blades Monday, July 9, at 4:30 pm outside of City Hall.**

NEW FAR EAST SIDE POLICING CENTER: In the continuing effort to protect Columbus citizens, plans are in the works for a new Columbus Policing Center. Council President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1041-2007 to allow construction of the Far East Neighborhood Policing Center. The policing center will be located at 2500 Park Crescent Drive and will include space for community use. Money for the Policing Center is included in the Mayor's 2007 Capital Improvements Budget. The Office of Construction Management is recommending that the project’s \$1,888,860 bid be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidder, 2K General Company.

**KEEPING CHILDREN HEALTHY DURING SUMMER BREAK:**

The Summer Food Service Program was established to provide nutritional breakfasts and lunches to children during the summer months when public schools are closed. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) will sponsor ordinances 0989-2007 and 0990-2007 to allow for the continuation and expansion of the program. With the passage of these two ordinances, the Summer Food Service Program will operate through August 24, 2007 and serve approximately 170,000 breakfasts and 450,000 lunches at 180 sites. Ordinance 0989-2007 will enable the City to accept a \$1,707,347.34 Summer Food Service Program Grant from the Ohio Department of Education. Ordinance 0990-2007

will authorize the director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a contract with Columbus Public Schools Food Service in the amount of \$1,600,000 for services in conjunction with the program. Ordinances 0766-2007 and 0717-2007 will be repealed in order to allow for the program's expansion.

HELPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN: A program designed to protect some of Columbus' most vulnerable residents will be receiving additional help from City Council. The Women, Infants, and Children (W.I.C.) Program serves thousands of Columbus families and is set to receive a new mobile clinic. Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta Tavares](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0995-2007, which will authorize the Board of Health to use a \$225,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Health to purchase a mobile clinic from Farber Specialty Vehicles. The Board of Health will use this vehicle to improve the W.I.C. Program's ability to provide food and nutrition education.

NEW EARLY WARNING SIRENS: When severe weather strikes, early warning sirens located throughout Columbus can give residents the advanced notice they need to seek shelter. Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring ordinance 0962-2207, which authorizes the City to contract with Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security to purchase and install 20 new outdoor warning sirens. Ginther requested an amendment to the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget in order to allocate \$200,000 for this purchase.



DIGITAL IMAGING PROJECT UNDERWAY: Phase two of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's imaging project will continue with the passage of ordinance 0970-2007. Judiciary and Court Administration Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring the legislation to authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to modify and extend the existing contract with 3SG Corporation to complete the imaging project. In

addition, the modified contract will allow for shredding and offsite storage during the process.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) has accepted an invitation to speak about jobs and economic development before members of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's quarterly forum "Capital Connections" will take place July 19 at the Bar of Modern Art, 595 East Broad Street, from 4-6 pm. More details will follow.